

Message

From: Chesnutt, John [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=E1CD369E94474C2C8A876FB16943320A-JCHESNUT]
Sent: 3/18/2021 8:08:03 PM
To: Alpern, Michael [Alpern.Michael@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Final SEMD review: Response to Senator Feinstein DDT cleanup in Palos Verdes Shelf Letter
Attachments: Draft Senator Feinstein Response minor yellow edits.docx

Mike, In this older version, I highlighted two more spots where JL did not change dump sites to disposal sites, in case you didn't catch them.

John

From: Alpern, Michael <Alpern.Michael@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 1:05 PM
To: Lyons, John <Lyons.John@epa.gov>; Manzanilla, Enrique <Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov>; Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>
Cc: Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>; Herrera, Angeles <Herrera.Angeles@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Final SEMD review: Response to Senator Feinstein DDT cleanup in Palos Verdes Shelf Letter

Sounds good, John. I also should say that I like the deep-water ocean disposal sites vs dumps terminology change...that will be useful for clarity in not just this Congressional response letter, but in press responses.

Mike Alpern - Director, Public Affairs
U.S. EPA Region 9 (Pacific Southwest)
(415) 947-4142 | alpern.michael@epa.gov
Follow us on Twitter: @EPAregion9



From: Lyons, John <Lyons.John@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 1:02 PM
To: Alpern, Michael <Alpern.Michael@epa.gov>; Manzanilla, Enrique <Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov>; Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>
Cc: Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>; Herrera, Angeles <Herrera.Angeles@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Final SEMD review: Response to Senator Feinstein DDT cleanup in Palos Verdes Shelf Letter

Hi Mike

Looks good to me – I'd adjust it a bit – additions in bold to help see them in an email chain.

Thanks
John

John Lyons
Acting Deputy Director
Region 9 Superfund and Emergency Management Division
(415) 972-3889
(415) 265-0908(cell)

From: Alpern, Michael <Alpern.Michael@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 12:54 PM
To: Lyons, John <Lyons.John@epa.gov>; Manzanilla, Enrique <Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov>; Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>
Cc: Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>; Herrera, Angeles <Herrera.Angeles@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Final SEMD review: Response to Senator Feinstein DDT cleanup in Palos Verdes Shelf Letter

Thanks John. I just have one edit of substance to propose – briefly mentioning the PV Shelf outreach piece and the nexus with public health at the beginning of the section where we get into PV Shelf. I know we already have the mention of outreach with some more detail in the letters' conclusion, which is great, but I think it would also benefit us to give a teaser of it right when we first start talking PV Shelf. See the highlight below for that small add within Paragraph 5.

Regards,
Mike

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Mike Alpern - Director, Public Affairs
U.S. EPA Region 9 (Pacific Southwest)
(415) 947-4142 | alpern.michael@epa.gov
Follow us on Twitter: @EPAregion9



From: Lyons, John <Lyons.John@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 6:12 PM
To: Manzanilla, Enrique <Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov>; Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>
Cc: Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>; Herrera, Angeles <Herrera.Angeles@epa.gov>; Alpern, Michael <Alpern.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Final SEMD review: Response to Senator Feinstein DDT cleanup in Palos Verdes Shelf Letter

Hi Sonam

Here is a draft with a few edits. We revised it to broaden the time for the planned meeting as we are just at the beginning of the meeting planning process.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

If OPA is good with these edits, SEMD is good with having this draft go to the Acting RA for her initial review. Of course, we are happy to discuss any of the new edits should OPA have questions or concerns.

Thank you everyone for all of your work on this!

John

John Lyons
Acting Deputy Director
Region 9 Superfund and Emergency Management Division
(415) 972-3889
(415) 265-0908(cell)

From: Manzanilla, Enrique <Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 5:59 PM
To: Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>
Cc: Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>; Herrera, Angeles <Herrera.Angeles@epa.gov>; Alpern, Michael <Alpern.Michael@epa.gov>; Lyons, John <Lyons.John@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Final SEMD review: Response to Senator Feinstein DDT cleanup in Palos Verdes Shelf Letter

Thanks Sonam. John L and I reviewed and he will be sending you a copy with some edits.

From: Gill, Sonam
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 4:34 PM
To: Manzanilla, Enrique <Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov>
Cc: Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>; Herrera, Angeles <Herrera.Angeles@epa.gov>; Alpern, Michael <Alpern.Michael@epa.gov>; Lyons, John <Lyons.John@epa.gov>
Subject: Final SEMD review: Response to Senator Feinstein DDT cleanup in Palos Verdes Shelf Letter

Hi Enrique,

Attached is the OPA reviewed version of the Senator Feinstein DDT cleanup in Palos Verdes Shelf response. Our edits didn't touch any of the substance of the letter, but please let me know if this version is clear to share with Deborah.

Sonam

From: Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 1:40 PM
To: Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>; Alpern, Michael <Alpern.Michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Lyons, John <Lyons.John@epa.gov>; Huang, Judy <Huang.Judy@epa.gov>; Nguyen, Ylan <nguyen.ylan@epa.gov>; Butler, Thomas <Butler.Thomas@epa.gov>; Herrera, Angeles <Herrera.Angeles@epa.gov>; Giarmoleo, Julia <Giarmoleo.Julia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: draft response for review: Final Due 3/22: Sen. Feinstein Letter on Status of DDT cleanup in Palos Verdes Shelf from Montrose Chemical site in Torrance, CA

Mike and Sonam,

We have not discussed who will be controlling the versions and comments from here on out. But I did just incorporate Enrique's comments on the document (in yellow) and changed the document name.

John

From: Chesnutt, John

Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:50 AM

To: Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>; Alpern, Michael <Alpern.Michael@epa.gov>

Cc: Lyons, John <Lyons.John@epa.gov>; Judy Huang <Huang.Judy@epa.gov>; Nguyen, Ylan <nguyen.ylan@epa.gov>; Butler, Thomas <Butler.Thomas@epa.gov>; Herrera, Angeles <Herrera.Angeles@epa.gov>; Giarmoleo, Julia <Giarmoleo.Julia@epa.gov>

Subject: draft response for review: Final Due 3/22: Sen. Feinstein Letter on Status of DDT cleanup in Palos Verdes Shelf from Montrose Chemical site in Torrance, CA

Mike and Sonam, The attached version is ready for your and Deborah's review, while Enrique does a concurrent review.

~~Meanwhile, NOAA shared with me their near final response that has been approved at the undersecretary level.~~

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

As included in our draft response, we are initiating a meeting with fed and state partners in April with hopes of clarifying roles/responsibilities and next steps.

John

From: Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 7:45 AM

To: Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>; Lyons, John <Lyons.John@epa.gov>

Cc: Alpern, Michael <Alpern.Michael@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: draft response: Final Due 3/22: Sen. Feinstein Letter on Status of DDT cleanup in Palos Verdes Shelf from Montrose Chemical site in Torrance, CA

Good morning,

Thanks for the update yesterday on where the Feinstein response document is in the SEMD review process. Debbie mentioned that she wanted to have adequate time to review it prior to its due date (3/22). Can you let me know when you plan to share the draft with Mike and I for review?

Thanks,

Sonam

From: Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 11:07 AM

To: Butler, Thomas <Butler.Thomas@epa.gov>; Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>; Huang, Judy <Huang.Judy@epa.gov>; Nguyen, Ylan <nguyen.ylan@epa.gov>

Cc: Giarmoleo, Julia <Giarmoleo.Julia@epa.gov>; Herrera, Angeles <Herrera.Angeles@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: draft response: Final Due 3/22: Sen. Feinstein Letter on Status of DDT cleanup in Palos Verdes Shelf from Montrose Chemical site in Torrance, CA

Thomas/Ylan, I really appreciate the close read and reordering of things. It reads better. The document is now with John Lyons. He is meeting with Mark Gold from the CA Oceans program today and will look at the letter after that.

I appreciate Julia's efforts to find a NOAA contact -- both to followup on our feedback of their draft response and to potentially float our basic response at the right time. Maybe you should give one of those contacts you identified a try. DOI/FWS didn't answer my emails at all, so I'm also looking for an additional contact there if anyone has any ideas. I was mainly trying to find out if they received a similar letter and then share our response.

John

From: Butler, Thomas <Butler.Thomas@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 10:04 AM
To: Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>; Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>; Huang, Judy <Huang.Judy@epa.gov>; Nguyen, Ylan <nguyen.ylan@epa.gov>
Cc: Giarmoleo, Julia <Giarmoleo.Julia@epa.gov>; Herrera, Angeles <Herrera.Angeles@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: draft response: Final Due 3/22: Sen. Feinstein Letter on Status of DDT cleanup in Palos Verdes Shelf from Montrose Chemical site in Torrance, CA

John, don't shoot me, but I took a crack at some edits. Best to view in simple markup. There's lots of red, but mostly just because I moved things around. Ylan commented on this draft too, but I take all the blame.

From: Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 3:38 PM
To: Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>; Huang, Judy <Huang.Judy@epa.gov>; Butler, Thomas <Butler.Thomas@epa.gov>; Nguyen, Ylan <nguyen.ylan@epa.gov>
Cc: Giarmoleo, Julia <Giarmoleo.Julia@epa.gov>; Herrera, Angeles <Herrera.Angeles@epa.gov>
Subject: draft response: Final Due 3/22: Sen. Feinstein Letter on Status of DDT cleanup in Palos Verdes Shelf from Montrose Chemical site in Torrance, CA

PV Shelf/Drum Disposal team,

Here's a draft response for your review. After incorporating any comments, I will share with John Lyons and Enrique. At some point I will also share the basic language with NOAA and DOI. NOAA received a similar letter and I've already commented on their draft language to ensure consistency in our federal responses.

Thanks,

John

From: Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 3:56 PM
To: Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>; Herrera, Angeles <Herrera.Angeles@epa.gov>
Cc: Alpern, Michael <Alpern.Michael@epa.gov>; Giarmoleo, Julia <Giarmoleo.Julia@epa.gov>; Manzanilla, Enrique <Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov>; Lyons, John <Lyons.John@epa.gov>
Subject: Response Due 3/22: Sen. Feinstein Letter on Status of DDT cleanup in Palos Verdes Shelf from Montrose Chemical site in Torrance, CA

Hi John and Angeles,

Today's letter from Senator Feinstein regarding the status of DDT cleanup in the PV Shelf has been controlled to the Region for RA signature. The due date is **Monday, March 22, 2021**. Please let me know who in SEMD will lead drafting the response so I can fill out and share the routing slip.

Thank you,

Sonam Gill
Congressional and Intergovernmental Liaison
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX
75 Hawthorne St.
San Francisco, CA 94105
gill.sonam@epa.gov
415.972.3380